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1985 ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

BASS, LARGEMOUTH

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: December through May
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds & channels

BANNER MARSH-JOHNSON LAKE — 135 Acres

Location: Peoria County, 4 miles northeast of Banner on Route 24
Months: April, May & October
Baits: Shad imitators & crank baits
Average Weight: 3-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds

BANGS LAKE — 297 Acres

Location: Lake County in Wauconda
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artifical lures
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and channels

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Plastic worms, spinner baits & sonics
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties, ½ mile northeast of Carlyle, 15 miles southeast of Greenville
Months: May, June, July, August & September
Baits: Spinner baits, deep diving plugs & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline with stickup, rip-rap and flood-ed timber

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 4 miles southwest of Carbondale
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Coves and points

CEDAR LAKE — 285 Acres

Location: Lake County, in village of Lake Villa
Months: April & June
Baits: Plastic worms, crawlers & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Lily pads in northwest section around island

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 507 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels and weed beds

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: Spring & Fall
Baits: Spinners, crank baits and plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline cover, points and coves

COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, troll open water

DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres

Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy
Months: April through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers or artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Steep shoreline dam, old stream channel, and weed beds

DEEP LAKE — 200 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Rt. 132
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Drop-off at northwest side and weed beds

EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels in north section and weed beds

FOX LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: May through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and channels

GILLESPIE LAKE — 270 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 3 miles northwest of Gillespie
Months: May & June
Baits: Mepps, sonics, Rapellas & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush and weed beds

GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove
Months: May through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Grass Island and bays

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres

Location: Bond County, northeast edge at Greenville
Months: May, June, September & October
Baits: Spinners, crank baits & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, brush and underwater structures

HENNEPIN CANAL — Pools 20-21-22-23

Location: Bureau & Henry counties from the junction of Routes 88 & 80, 8 miles west of Geneseo.
Months: April, May & October
Baits: Minnows, crank baits & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush piles & lily pads

HILLSBORO NEW CITY LAKE — 1,200 Acres

Location: Montgomery County, north of Hillsboro
Months: April through June, September
Baits: Spinners, cranks, plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, brush, shoreline

HOMER LAKE — 81 Acres

Location: Champaign County, 2 miles north of Homer
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: April & May
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Cypress trees along shoreline

LAKE JACKSONVILLE — 465 Acres

Location: Morgan County, 6 miles southeast of Jacksonville
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Spinners baits, plastic worms and deep diving plugs
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

KANKAKEE RIVER BACKWATERS — 65 Acres Des Plaines Conservation Area

Location: Will County, 4 miles west of Wilmington
Months: May & June
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Kankakee backwaters on Des Plaines Conservation Area

KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinner
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline weed beds and tree tops in water.

LAKE CENTRALIA — 450 Acres

Location: Marion County
Months: April, May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and weed beds

LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres

Location: Johnson County, 8 miles south of Marion
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and brush

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres

Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels and weed beds

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and points

LAKE SARA — 586 Acres

Location: Effingham County, 5 miles northwest of Effingham
Months: April through August
Baits: Crank baits & spinners
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Points and shallow bays

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Spinners crank baits & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap, points and underwater structures

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie counties
Months: April through October
Baits: Deep diving plugs, plastic worms & spinner baits
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber, stickups, points and bays

LAKE ZURICH — 220 Acres

Location: Lake County, in village of Lake Zurich
Months: April through June
Baits: Plastic worms, crawlers & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

LONG LAKE (Kickapoo State Park) — 56.6 Acres

Location: Vermilion County, 2 miles east of Oakwood
Months: May to September
Baits: Nitecrawlers & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds, fallen trees, shoreline, & on south end of lake

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinner baits in spring; rubber worms in hot summer
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Logs, stumps in standing timber and levee rip-rap

MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres

Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: April - October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, shoreline cover

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 18, Keithsburg — 430 Acres

Location: Mercer County, Keithsburg, Illinois
Months: May-June, September
Baits: Minnows, plastic worms, spinning lures
Average Weight: 1-2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Logs, brush piles, shoreline cover

NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton
Months: Year around; hot water lake
Baits: Crank baits, plastic worms
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points and weed beds

OTTER LAKE — 765 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 7 miles west of Girard
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Plastic worms, spinner baits and Rapellas
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

PARIS EAST LAKE — 163 Acres

Location: Edgar County, north edge of Paris
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres

Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres

Location: Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia
Months: April, May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin & Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: April through October
Baits: Spinner baits, deep diving plugs & crank baits
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline, in flooded timber, rip-rap and rock rip-rap

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Sesser
Months: April through October
Baits: Spinners & crank baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and points



SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres

Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Small bait and spinner baits
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap and underwater structures

SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres

Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: May-June
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Woody shoreline, fish cribs, weed beds

SPRING LAKE — NORTH — 578 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop
Months: March, April & May
Baits: Crank baits & spinners
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Aquatic weed beds

STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east and 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow upper end and bays

WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland
Months: April-October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, fallen trees

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: March, April, May & June
Baits: Spinner baits and deep diving plugs
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged trees

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: May through September
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weedy areas

BASS, SMALLMOUTH

FOX RIVER

Location: LaSalle County, at Ottawa
Months: April, May & June
Baits: Minnows & spinner baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Drop-offs near rocky ledges

IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles

Location: Iroquois County, Iroquois to Aroma Park
Months: April through June
Baits: Spinners, crayfish & earthworms
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Deep pools near brush piles

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles

Location: Kankakee and Will Counties
Months: April, May & August
Baits: Spinners, crayfish & earthworms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dams at Kankakee, Wilmington and Momence, mouth of small tributary streams in early spring

KISHWAUKEE RIVER

Location: Boone County, Belvidere
Months: April through June, September
Baits: Spinners, worms, minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dam

KYTE RIVER

Location: Ogle County, 1½ miles south of Chana
Months: April through June
Baits: Crayfish, spinners, minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Pools below riffles and obstructions

MIDDLE FORK VERMILION RIVER — 50 Miles

Location: Champaign and Vermilion Counties, from Penfield to Oakwood
Months: April to June
Baits: Small spinners & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep pools near brush

ROCK RIVER

Location: Ogle County, at Grand Detour
Months: May & June
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Pools below dam and tailwater of fast current

STIRLING LAKE — 73 Acres

Location: Lake County, Route 173 and Route 41
Months: April through June, September & February
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Drop-offs near shore

SUGAR RIVER

Location: Winnebago County, 10 miles west of South Beloit on Yale Bridge Road
Months: April through June
Baits: Crayfish, minnows, spinner baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Pools behind riffles or bars

BASS, STRIPED

BALDWIN LAKE — 2018 Acres

Location: Randolph County
Months: January through May
Baits: Lures
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged bars & rip-rap

CLINTON LAKE (Hybrids) — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: Spring through fall
Baits: Spoons, spinners, large minnows
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged bars, rip-rap, spillway area

COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Minnows, artificial lures
Average Weight: 4½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, troll open water

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: June
Baits: Spinners (½ oz. or smaller)
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Open water in main basin (look for schooling fish)

HILLSBORO NEW CITY LAKE — 1,200 Acres

Location: Montgomery County
Months: Spring through fall
Baits: Crank baits, spoons, minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, creel channels

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: July - October (tailwater May)
Baits: Slapspoon, striper plugs
Average Weight: 8 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, submerged ridge, river channel, tailwater

STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east and 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: June-August
Baits: Spoons, plugs, large spinners
Average Weight: 2 to 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Lower Lake, open water

BASS, WHITE

ANDERSON LAKE — 1,364 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 8 miles southwest of Havana
Months: April & May
Baits: Worms, crayfish & cut bait
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

CARYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties; Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder are adjacent to lake
Months: July, August & September
Baits: Jigs, minnows & small spinning lures
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around islands, rip-rap, points, tailwaters and submerged knobs

COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County
Months: April, May, September
Baits: Minnows, jigs & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, troll open water

ILLINOIS RIVER

Location: LaSalle County, at Starved Rock State Park
Months: May & June
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Rocky shore of island and tailwater (below dam)

ILLINOIS RIVER

Location: Illinois River, Peoria Lock and Dam, mouth of Mackinaw River
Months: April, May
Baits: Spinners, jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Around dam tailwater & sand bars

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres

Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April, May June & January
Baits: Ice jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Channels and sand bars, moving deeper as summer progresses

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: May through October
Baits: Jigs, small spining lures & minnows
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: points, rock rip-rap, Kaskaskia River, flooded flats and tailwaters

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Small spinners & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Open waters

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 18, Boston Bay — 1.5 Miles

Location: Mercer County, New Boston, Illinois
Months: May, August - September
Baits: Jigs & spinner baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Open water where schools of shad or minnows breaking-surface

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Sylvan Slough

Location: Rock Island County, in Moline
Months: April, May, August & September
Baits: Jigs, minnows & spinners
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound

PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: May - September, January & February
Baits: Spinners, jigs, minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around islands

POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres

Location: Southwest edge of Pekin, Tazewell County
Months: March-May, September-October
Baits: Spinners, Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ¾ to 1¾ pounds
Area to Fish: Discharge and intake

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin & Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: June through September
Baits: Small spinning lures, jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Points, rock rip-rap and around islands

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres

Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Small spinners & jigs
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Middle and west arms

BLUEGILL

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: December through May
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: North Bank

BANNER MARSH

Location: Peoria County, 4 miles northeast of Banner on Route 24
Months: May, June, January & February
Baits: Red worms, wax worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds May & June; 18-20 ft. of water January & February

CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: June
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties at Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder
Months: May, June, July & September
Baits: Crickets & redworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Bays with flooded brush and timber, islands north of railroad, and rock rip-rap

CEDAR LAKE — 285 Acres

Location: Lake County, Lake Villa, Illinois
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: North of island and northwest section

COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Worms, nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

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CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Wolf Creek, stumps, brush and spawn beds

DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres

Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy
Months: May through October
Baits: Nightcrawlers, flies, & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas and weed beds

DEEP LAKE — 200 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Rt. 132
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Nitecrawlers & worms
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

DEFIANCE LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 48 Acres

Location: McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills State Park
Months: April through September. January & February
Baits: Crickets, worms, wax worms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Along shoreline and brush fish attractors

DEVIL’S KITCHEN — 810 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 8 miles southeast of Carbondale
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

DUTCHMAN LAKE — 118 Acres

Location: Johnson County, 3 miles southeast of Goreville
Months: April - May
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pond
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres

Location: Bend County, 1 mile northeast of Greenville
Months: May through October
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

HENNEPIN CANAL

Location: Bureau, Henry and Whiteside Counties, Wyanet to Geneseo
Months: May & June
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

HILLSBORO NEW CITY LAKE — 1,200 Acres

Location: Montgomery County
Months: May - October
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: April & May
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds and Cypress trees

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres

Location: Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: May & June
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Standing brush 8-12 feet deep

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Around standing brush, also stumps and logs in timber

MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres

Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: May - September
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Around shoreline vegetation

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 12, Frentress Lake — 1.5 miles

Location: 2 miles south of East Dubuque, Illinois
Months: June - September
Baits: Worms & small jigs with spinners
Average Weight: ¼ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles along shoreline

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 19, Burlington Island — 1 Mile

Location: Henderson County, Shokokon, Illinois

Months: May - June, September

Baits: Worms

Average Weight: ⅓ pound

Areas to Fish: Shoreline cover

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres

Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: June through October
Baits: Crickets & redworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: April through October
Baits: Crickets & redworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Areas or bays with brush and timber, timber of Nason Point, Big Muddy and Casey Form Arms

RICE LAKE — 1,383 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 4 miles south of Banner along Route 24
Months: May through June
Baits: Redworms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Along dam, in buckbrush & along greentree feeder ditch

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, May & June
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups, bays and spawn beds

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southeast of Rushville
Months: May & June
Baits: Redworms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Backs of small coves

SHABBONA LAKE — 319 Acres

Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Fish cribs and weed beds

SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres

Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets, redworms & meal worms
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: North and east arms

SPRING LAKE — NORTH — 578.0 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop
Months: April, May & June.
Baits: Redworms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Aquatic vegetation beds

STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Crickets & artificial flies
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds and spawning beds

STUMP LAKE (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres

Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles and submerged tree tops

WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland
Months: May - September
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around weedbeds

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

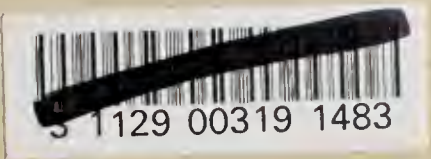
Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets, worms & meal worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton
Months: May through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers & redworms
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Near fallen trees, weedbeds & back of coves

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: May through September
Baits: Earthworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Anywhere in lake



BULLHEADS

ANDERSON LAKE — 1,364 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 8 miles southwest of Havana
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms, crayfish & cut bait
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: April & May
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Upper shallow end

COLLINS LAKE — 1,995 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, worms
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

DAWSON LAKE — 158 Acres

Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of LeRoy
Months: May-September
Baits: Worms and nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end, island and off boat dock

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,000 Acres

Location: Shelby & Moultrie counties
Months: May & June, September & October
Baits: Crickets & Redworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow water cover in upper end of reservoir

MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres

Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: May-September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ½ to 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow areas

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres

Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: April through September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: May, June & August
Baits: Worms & small crayfish
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Upper end

SPRING LAKE NORTH — 578 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ⅔ pound
Areas to Fish: Around south shore

STUMP LAKE — 1,036 Acres

Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100
Months: April through July, September & October
Baits: Worms, shrimp & crawdads
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and brush piles

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: April through August
Baits: Worms & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

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CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport adjoin the lake
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms & dough balls
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline areas and tailwaters

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles from Clinton
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms & dough balls
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and bays

COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Dough balls, prepackaged
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,350 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Springfield
Months: May - September
Baits: Dough balls, stink baits & worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, bays and Grass Island

HENNEPIN CANAL

Location: McLean, Henry and Whiteside Counties, Wyanaet to Carbondale
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline & frags

FOX RIVER (McHenry Dam)

Location: McHenry County, 2 miles southeast of McHenry off River Road
Months: May through October
Baits: Worms & dough bait
Average Weight: 2-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Above or below dam long park frontage

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles

Location: Kankakee and Will counties
Months: May through September
Baits: Dough balls
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: State line in early fall, backwaters at Des Plaines Conservation Area, pools behind dams at Kankakee and Wilmington

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, LOCK & DAM 14 Trailwater

Location: Hampton, Illinois
Months: June through September
Baits: Prepared & worms
Average Weight: 2 to 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dam on Illinois side

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: April through September
Baits: Nightcrawlers & dough balls
Average Weight: 2-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline & channels

CATFISH, BLUE

WABASH RIVER

Location: Wabash County, 2 miles southeast of Grayville
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp & stink bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below fast water of old dam

CATFISH, CHANNEL

ARGYLE LAKE — 95 Acres

Location: McDonough County, 2 miles north of Colchester
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms & cheese bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays at dusk or boat dock bay during daylight

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: April through October
Baits: Crayfish, nitecrawlers & cut shad
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville
Months: July, August & September
Baits: Worms, stink baits and shad guts
Average Weight: 1½-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off the peninsula and fish attractors

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Worms & shad
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Upper end

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport
Months: May through October
Baits: Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches, nitecrawlers & grasshoppers
Average Weight: 1¾ pounds
Areas to Fish: River and creek channels, flooded ridges and tailwaters

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches & worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper creek channels and along dam

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: North Fork Arm, Creek channels, flooded timber & islands

COLEMAN LAKE — 14,111 Acres

Location: Grundy County, southeast of Morris
Months: June through September
Baits: Crayfish, shiners, cut shad
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,695 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: May & June
Baits: Shrimp, cheese baits & cut bait
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Grassy bay, Wolf Creek & Cambria

DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres

Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy
Months: June through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, cheese baits & sponge bait
Average weight: 2-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end of lake, island & timber point

DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres

Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro
Months: June & July
Baits: Cut bait, leeches & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off dam, steep shoreline and points

EMBARRAS RIVER

Location: Coles to Lawrence Counties
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush and below riffles

FOX LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: June, July, September, January & February
Baits: Golden shiners, nitecrawlers & prepared baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Crabapple Island and channels

FOX RIVER

Location: Kendall County, 1 mile south of Plano
Months: May through September
Baits: Stink bait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Silver Springs State Park below Yorkville Dam

FOX RIVER (McHenry Dam)

Location: McHenry County, 2 miles southeast of McHenry off River Road
Months: June through September
Baits: Shrimp, worms & stink baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Swift water below dam

GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Grass Island and channels

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres

Location: Bond County
Months: May-October
Baits: Cut baits, prepared baits, live baits
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap, points, bays

HENNEPIN CANAL

Location: Bureau, Henry & Whiteside Counties, Wyanaet to Geneseo
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms & prepared baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Entire shoreline and snags

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County
Months: June, July, August
Baits: Cut bait, cheese bait
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

ILLINOIS RIVER

Location: LaSalle County, at Starved Rock State Park
Months: June through September
Baits: Cut bait & shad guts
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Tailwater (below dam)

ILLINOIS RIVER

Location: Woodford County, at Woodford County Conservation Area
Months: May through September
Baits: Cut bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: In channel

ILLINOIS RIVER — 5 Miles

Location: Mason County, at Havana
Months: May through September
Baits: Small shad, cut bait, minnows, shad guts, cheese & blood bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: At Conservation Department's Havana Fisheries Station

IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles

Location: Iroquois County, Watseka area
Months: June through September
Baits: Chicken livers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep water in Watseka area

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres

Location: Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan
Months: June through September

Baits: Worms & prepared baits
Average Weight: 3-6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Near dam

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres

Location: Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: June & July
Baits: Catfish stink bait, cut bait & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off fishing piers, dam and along south shoreline

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles

Location: Will and Kankakee Counties, Kankakee Dam, State Line, Wilmington Dam, Momence Island Park, Des Plaines Conservation Area and Kankakee State Park
Months: May through September
Baits: Stink baits, cheese & crushed minnows
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Above or just below riffles and pool areas

KASKASKIA RIVER — 36 Miles

Location: Clinton, Washington, Randolph, St. Clair Counties
Months: May, June, August, September, October
Baits: Worms, stink baits, shad guts and cut bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush, trees and pools; around rocks rip-rap

KASKASKIA RIVER — 35 Miles

Location: Douglas, Coles and Moultie Counties, from Rt. 36 south to Allenville
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and below riffles

LAKE CHARLESTON — Lower Channel — 58 Acres

Location: Coles County, 2 miles southeast of Charleston
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres

Location: Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: Summer
Baits: Prepared baits & worms
Average Weight: 3-6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallows of upper end and dam

LAKE LE-AQUA-NA — 43 Acres

Location: Stephenson County, 2 miles north of Lena
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers & cheese baits
Average Weight: 4-8 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: May, June & July
Baits: Cut bait, worms & cheese bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Dam rip-rap, coves (4-6 feet deep)

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay; 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: May through September
Baits: Large shiners, crayfish, leeches, nitecrawlers & shad
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Kaskaskia River, shallow bays, with flooded timber, tailwater areas, flats and submerged ridges

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring, summer & fall
Baits: Shad, prepared cheese baits
Average Weight: 2-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, rip-rap and underwater structures

LAKE VERMILION — 666 Acres

Location: Vermilion County, east side of Danville
Months: June through September
Baits: Chicken livers, stink baits and minnows
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Islands and sunken dam

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Stink baits, cut bait & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Main water pump and new boat ramp

MISSISSIPPI RIVER — 160 Miles

Location: Monroe County to Alexander County
Months: June through October
Baits: Worms, prepared baits, shad guts & cut bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Side channel chutes and around rock rip-rap dikes

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Lock & Dam 24,

Location: Alton, Illinois & Clarksville-Winfield, Mo.
Months: July-September
Baits: Worms & prepared catfish bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline on bottom

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 16

Location: Rock Island, between Rock Island, Illinois and Muscatine, Iowa
Months: July through September
Baits: Prepared catfish bait
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Wing dams

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 19, Thomson Slough — 1.5 Miles

Location: Henderson County, Dallas City, Illinois
Months: August-September
Baits: Prepared catfish bait
Average Weight: 1-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Stumps

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 21, O’Dell Chute — 2 Miles

Location: Adams County, 4 miles downstream of Bear Creek Public Use Area
Months: July-September
Baits: Prepared catfish baits
Average Weight: 1-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Log jams and stumps

NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton
Months: Year around; hot water lake
Baits: Minnows, nitecrawlers, stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays and stick ups

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres

Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers & cheese baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: May, June, July, August, September, January & February
Baits: Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around islands

PITTSFIELD LAKE — 241 Acres

Location: Pike County, 3 miles northeast of Pittsfield
Months: May & June
Baits: Cheese baits & cut shad
Average Weight: 1-2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas

POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres

Location: Southwest of Pekin, Tazewell County
Months: December through October
Baits: Stink baits, dead shed
Average Weight: 1½-1¾ pounds
Areas to Fish: Discharge - winter; Intake - summer

RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres

Location: Marion County, mile northeast of Centralia
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Cheese baits & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

RED HILLS LAKE — 40 Acres

Location: Lawrence County, 1 mile northeast of Sumner
Months: July & August
Baits: Stink bait
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: May through mid-October
Baits: Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches, worms & grasshoppers
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: River and creek channels, flats with 3-6 foot depths and flooded timber

ROCK RIVER — 150 Miles

Location: Winnebago, Ogle, Lee, Whiteside, Rock Island Counties, Rockford, Byron, Grand Detour, Dixon, Sterling, Rock Falls and Milan
Months: March (at mouth of feeder stream), late May through September in main channel
Baits: Shrimp, worms, minnows & stink baits
Average Weight: 1½-2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Tailwaters below dams, below riffles, mouth of tributary streams and deep holes below obstructions

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: July & August
Baits: Worms, stink baits & chicken livers
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays and coves

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres

Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: Spring, summer & fall
Baits: Shad & prepared cheese baits
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow arms and east end

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville

Months: May & June
Baits: Cheese baits & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow arms and east end

SHABBONA LAKE — 319 Acres

Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers & cheese baits
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

SILOAM SPRINGS LAKE — 58 Acres

Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville
Months: May, June & August
Baits: Cheese baits & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North and west arms

SPOON RIVER — 113.5 Miles

Location: Fulton & Knox counties
Months: March, June, July & August
Baits: Natural & prepared
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upstream side of snags & brush.piles

STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: July & August
Baits: Cheese baits & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow upper and end bays

VANDALIA CITY LAKE — 660 Acres

Location: Fayette County, 3 miles northwest of Vandalia
Months: June through October
Baits: Stink baits, nitecrawlers, cheese baits, cut shad, liver
Average Weight: 1-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays and along rip-rap, upper lake

WABASH RIVER

Location: Clark to Gallatin Counties
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp & stink bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along areas of rapid water

WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North half of lake

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County in Chicago
Months: May through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers & crayfish
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

CATFISH, FLATHEAD

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport
Months: June through September
Baits: Shad, green sunfish, large shiners & chubs & 1 pound carp & dogfish
Average Weight: 30 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, river and creek channels and tailwater

KASKASKIA RIVER — 25 Miles

Location: Randolph County
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms, cut bait & chubs
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, deep holes and brush

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring, summer & fall
Baits: Shad, prepared cheese baits & leeches
Average Weight: 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap and points

ROCK RIVER — 14 Miles

Location: Lee and Whiteside Counties, river pool between Sterling and Dixon and at Grand Detour
Months: June through September
Baits: Live bluegill
Average Weight: 20 to 40 pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep holes

CRAPPIES

ANDERSON LAKE — 1,364 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 8 miles southwest of Havana
Months: April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Stumps

ARGYLE LAKE — 95 Acres

Location: McDonough County, 2 miles east of Argyle
Months: April & May
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged brus

BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Yellow jigs, minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Tree top fish attractors

CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: April & May
Baits: White crappie jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Over submerged brush

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties; Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder are adjacent to lake
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber and brush in bays, rock rip-rap and tailwater

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County
Months: March & April
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Standing timber and brush

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 507 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, January & February
Baits: Minnows & ice jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Channels

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Minnows, jigs, small spinning lures
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded brush and timber, rip-rap

COLLINS LAKE — 1,995 Acres

Location: Grundy County
Months: April, May, September
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, troll open water

DAWSON LAKE — 158 Acres

Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of LeRoy
Months: May-September
Baits: Minnows & small jigs
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Off dam and points

DEFIANCE LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 48 Acres

Location: McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills State Park
Months: April through June, January & February
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush fish attractors

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres

Location: Bond County
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres

Location: Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan
Months: April, May & September
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Near fish attractors

KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro
Months: April
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and brush

LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres

Location: Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison
Months: April to September
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Offshore weed beds and stumps

LAKE CHARLESTON — SIDE CHANNEL RESERVOIR — 346 Acres
Location: Coles County, 2 miles southwest of Charleston
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Small jigs & minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 1½ pound
Areas to Fish: Timber, offshore stickups & weed beds, down trees & brush

LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres
Location: Johnson County, 8 miles south of Marion
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush, stickups

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 480 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: March, April, October & November
Baits: Small jigs & spinners
Average Weight: ½-½ pound
Areas to Fish: Channels

LAKE LOU YEAGER — 1,700 Acres
Location: Montgomery County, northeast edge of Litchfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Underwater structures and brush piles

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: April
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops, brush and fish attractors

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres
Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Minnows, jigs & small spinning lures
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded brush and timber, rock rip-rap and tailwater

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres
Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Underwater structures

LAKE VERMILION — 666 Acres
Location: Vermilion County, east of Danville
Months: April through June and September through November
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees around islands

LINCOLN TRAIL LAKE — 146 Acres
Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: April, May, June & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 21, Willow Slough — 1.5 Miles
Location: Adams County, Quincy, Illinois
Months: May - June, September - October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ¼-1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and shoreline cover

NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton
Months: Year around, hot water lake
Baits: Minnows, jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres
Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Loves Park
Months: April - May, September - October
Baits: Jigs, minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Fish cribs

RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres
Location: Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia
Months: March, April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Along weedbeds

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres
Location: Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sessor
Months: March to mid-June, September & October
Baits: Minnows, jigs & spinner baits
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded brush and timber, river and creek channels

SAM PARK LAKE — 180 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 1 mile northeast of Newton
Months: April - May
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and tree tops

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres
Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 1¼ pounds
Areas to Fish: Underwater structures, weedbeds

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres
Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southeast of Rushville
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Live minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓-½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles and drift fishing

SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres
Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: April - May & September - October
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Tree line

SPRING LAKE - 277 Acres
Location: McDonough County, 1 mile north of Macomb
Months: April & May
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap and submerged brush

SPRING LAKE NORTH — 578 Acres
Location: Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop
Months: April & May
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Extreme north end of the lake around the Sky Ranch Bridge

STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres
Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Weedbeds and submerged tree tops

STUMP LAKE AREA (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres
Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton off Rt. 100
Months: April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles and submerged tree tops

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres
Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: April through May; September through October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

FRESHWATER DRUM

COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres
Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, troll open water

ILLINOIS RIVER
Location: Mason County, at Havana
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms & minnows
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Conservation Department’s Havana Fisheries Station

KANKAKEE RIVER
Location: Will County
Months: April through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, minnows
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Wilmington Dam downstream to Des Plaines C.A.’s river launch access

MUSKELLUNGE

CLINTON LAKE (Tiger Muskie) — 5,000 Acres
Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Bucktail spinner
Average Weight: 10-12 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber, coves & points

HILLSBORO NEW CITY LAKE (Tiger Muskie) — 1,200 Acres
Location: Montgomery County, 1½ miles north of Hillsboro
Months: March through October
Baits: Cranks, spinners, plastic worms
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Coves, shoreline

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres
Location: Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: April-June & September & October
Baits: Cranks & plastic worms
Average Weight: 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, wood shoreline near fallen trees

LAKE SHELBYVILLE (Muskie) — 11,100 Acres
Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Large bucktail spinners, eddy juniors
Average Weight: 12 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock bars and off gravel points flooded vegetation in spring

SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres
Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: July - August
Baits: Bucktail spinner
Average Weight: 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow, weedy areas

NORTHERN PIKE

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE — 507 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, September through November
Baits: Live minnows & artificial lures
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off sandbar at north end along edge of weedbeds

DAWSON LAKE — 158 Acres
Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of LeRoy
Months: April - November
Baits: Live minnows & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end and weedbeds

EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres
Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83
Months: April, May, October, January & February
Baits: Golden shiners, spoons & flatfish
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off weedbeds

KANKAKEE RIVER BACKWATER AREAS — 59 Miles
Location: Will and Kankakee Counties
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Live bait, shiners & suckers
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Early spring, backwater areas, Des Plaines Conservation area backwaters; summer & fall, backwater ebb areas downstream sluggish water behind islands and ebb areas formed by tributaries to Kankakee River

LAKE LE AQUA-NA — 43 Acres
Location: Stephenson County, 3 miles north of Lena
Months: April through October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper shoreline and weedbeds

LAKE MARIE — 480 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, September through November
Baits: Live minnows and artificial lures
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along north shoreline

LAKE ZURICH — 220 Acres
Location: Lake County, in village Lake Zurich
Months: April through June
Baits: Golden roaches & artificial lures
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along edge of weedbeds

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres
Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: April through September
Baits: Artificial baits
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and weedbeds

SPRING LAKE (South Half) — 610 Acres
Location: Tazewell County, 4 miles west of Manito
Months: March, April, May
Baits: Shiners
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: In springs and “Pike Hole”

STIRLING LAKE — 73 Acres
Location: Lake County, Route 173 and Route 41
Months: May, September, January & February
Baits: Large minnows, artificial lures
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along shoreline

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres
Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: Early spring
Baits: Live shiners
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weedy sections of lake

REDEAR SUNFISH

DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres
Location: McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy
Months: May through October
Baits: Redworms & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Weed areas

DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres
Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro
Months: June
Baits: Spinner worm combination
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds in shallow water (8-12 feet deep) in late summer

DUTCHMAN LAKE — 118 Acres
Location: Johnson County, 3 miles southeast of Goreville
Months: May - June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres
Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres
Location: Henry County, 4 miles south to Annawan
Months: June through September
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres
Location: Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: May & June
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Fish attractors

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres
Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weedbeds

MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres
Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: May - September
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weedbeds and brush

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, May & June
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and deeper bays

SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres
Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets, redworms & meal worms
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: North and east arms

WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres
Location: Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland
Months: May - September
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weedbeds

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres
Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May
Baits: Crickets, meal worms & red wigglers
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

TROUT

The Department of Conservation stocks a number of water areas with trout in the spring and fall. Locations are announced by a news release.

WALLEYE

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres
Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder
Months: June through October
Baits: Spinning lures, jigs & deep running plugs
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, around islands and tailwaters

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres
Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: April through October
Baits: Jigs, minnows & artificial lures
Average Weight: 3-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, rocky shelves, points and rip-rap around bridges

COLLINS LAKE — 1,995 Acres
Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures
Average Weight: 3-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, troll open water

FOX LAKE (Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres
Location: Lake County, Fox Lake, Illinois
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures, minnows & plastic worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Mineola Bay, west side

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles
Location: Will and Kankakee Counties
Months: Early spring, mid-summer & fall
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Early spring, mouth of tributaries and below Kankakee, Wilmington and Momence dams; mid-summer, below Rt. 53 bridge in Wilmington; fall, below dams

KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 5 miles N.W. of Murphysboro
Months: March, April
Baits: Artificial lures trolled over points, jigs
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points and shelves near the dam

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures, minnows & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline at drop-off

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres
Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: April through October
Baits: Jigs & minnow combination & spinning lines
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flooded ridges, drop off, flats, Kashakia River and tailwater

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 12
Location: JoDaviess County
Months: March, April, October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below wing dams

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 13
Location: JoDaviess and Carroll Counties
Months: March, April, October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: 1-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below Lock and Dam 12, below wing dams

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 18
Location: Mercer County, 4 miles northwest of New Boston
Months: April & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Tailwater on Dam 17

PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres
Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: April - June, September & October
Baits: Jigs, artificial lures, plastic worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around islands

LAKE MICHIGAN

Location: Cook and Lake Counties, entire Illinois portion

COHO SALMON

Months: April, May & June, snagging at designated area (see snagging regulations)
Baits: Nitecrawlers & small alewives in April from breakwaters and piers; trolling offshore in May and June using plugs, spoons, flies, squids & whole alewives
Average Weight: 2 pounds in spring to 6 pounds in fall
Areas to Fish: Troll mid-depths to surface at water temperatures from 52°F to 59°F

CHINOOK SALMON

Months: August, September & October; snagging at designated areas (see snagging regulations)
Baits: Casting from harbor mouths and shoreline, and trolling from boats using plugs, spoons and whole alewives, also still fishing with spawn & alewives
Average Weight: 7 pounds in spring to 15 pounds in fall
Areas to Fish: Trolling where water temperature is from 52°F to 59°F, in September and October close to shoreline and in harbors

BROWN TROUT

Months: November through June
Baits: Nightcrawlers, spawn, spoons, spinners & alewives
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: From piers and breakwaters along shoreline, and at warm water discharges when lake is cold

RAINBOW TROUT (Shoreline)

Months: June through August troll ; October - troll on the shore fishing
Baits: Nightcrawlers, spawn, alewives, spoon, flies & squid
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: From piers and breakwaters along shoreline, trolling offshore in water where temperature is near 55°F, and at warm water discharges when lake is cold.

LAKE TROUT

Months: June through September
Baits: Trolled spoons
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Troll from mid-depths to bottom in water where temperature is near 50°F

YELLOW PERCH

Months: May through September, January, February
Baits: Redworms, minnows, crayfish, spinners & jigs; grubs, maggots in winter
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: From piers and breakwaters in rocky areas and harbors

SMELT

Months: April & May
Baits: Small mesh gill nets, dip nets, and seines (see 1984 Illinois Fishing Information Brochure regulations for legal sizes of nets)
Areas to Fish: Chicago Park District properties (check local seasonal regulations), from piers and breakwaters, and seining along shoreline at Illinois Beach State Park

ADVISORY FOR FISH CONSUMED

The Illinois Department of Public Health advises that persons who eat salmon or trout taken from Lake Michigan limit their consumption of these fish. The advisory was issued following a review of the levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) and other chemicals in Lake Michigan salmon and trout. The advisory applies to coho and chinook salmon and to lake, brown and rainbow trout that weight five pounds or more.

Consumption of fish weighing five pounds or more should be limited to one-half pound per week. Women who anticipate pregnancy, or who are pregnant or lactating; and young children, particularly those of pre-school age, should not eat any of these fish regardless of the size of the fish.

The advisory does not apply to fish that weight less than five pounds as the higher levels of PCB's and chlordane are found in the older, larger fish. Lake Michigan salmon and trout that weigh more than five pounds are expected to contain PCB levels of more than two parts per million and chlordane levels higher than 0.3 parts per million. These levels are the maximum acceptable tolerances as established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Illinois has adopted the federal recommendations.

The recommended consumption of no more than one-half pound per week was established for fish that are prepared in ways that will reduce the intake of chemical contaminants. Prepare the fish by removing all excess fat, especially the belly and dorsal flaps, before cooking. Fish should be boiled or baked on an elevated rack so that any additional fat will drip off. The fat contains the highest concentration of pesticides, so the fat that drips off during cooking should be discarded and not used in anything edible. Fish may also be boiled or poached, but all broth should be discarded.

Even though the long-term effects of exposure to PCB's and chlordane have not yet been determined in detail, it is advisable to limit consumption of the chemicals.

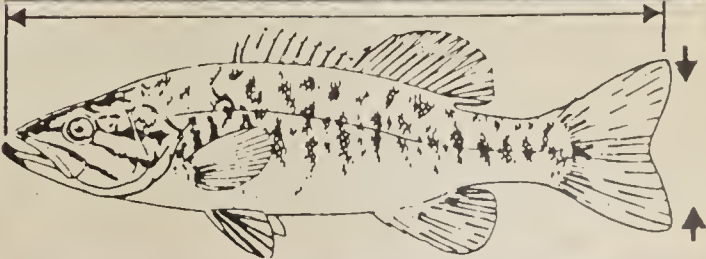
Areas Open To Snagging

Snagging for chinook and coho salmon only is permitted from the following Lake Michigan shoreline areas. Dates for this snagging will be announced publicly by the Department of Conservation. No snagging is allowed at any time within 200 feet of a moored watercraft or as otherwise posted
(1) Lincoln Park Lagoon from the Fullerton Avenue Bridge to the southern end of the Lagoon; (2) Waukegan Harbor; (3) Discharge channel and bay area formed by the landfill at Northwestern University, Evanston (not in Lagoon); (4) Winnetka Power Plant discharge area and the Waukegan Power Plant discharge area; (5) Jackson Harbor (inner and outer harbors)

Charter Boat Fishing On Lake Michigan

Charter boats are available for salmon and trout fishing on half and full day trips April through October. For further information, call the Department of Conservation's Chicago Office, 312/793-2070

MEASURE YOUR CATCH



Use a flat board; close the mouth, and compress the tail.

SPORT FISH CONTAMINANT ADVISORIES

In addition to the Advisory for Lake Michigan (see above section), the Illinois Department of Public Health has issued an effect for other lakes in Illinois. Public Health recommends that the general public limit their consumption level to not more than one-half pound per week for channel catfish from Clinton; lake catfish from Joliet, falo, drum, and white bass from Lake Springfield; catfish from Lake Decatur; carp, channel catfish, and buffalo from Lake Taylorville; and channel catfish from Paris Lakes.

For more specific information on these advisories you should contact the Illinois Department of Public Health or the Department of Conservation.

Fishing Guide To Cook County Forest Preserve Waters

The guide lists Cook County forest preserve waters open to public fishing and also the location, size, depth and principal kinds of fish in each water area. Where available, public transportation is also noted. Depth contour maps of many lakes in the Forest Preserve District have been completed and are available upon request from: Cook County Forest Preserve District, Conservation Department, 536 N. Harlem Ave., River Forest, Illinois 60305. Others are being worked on. We hope to have all of the major water areas mapped in 3 or 4 years.

FISHING REGULATIONS

The Cook County Forest Preserve District works closely with the Illinois Department of Conservation in managing these waters for hook and line fishing. With one major exception, State rules and regulations hold true for fishing in the preserves. The exception: Bow and arrow fishing for rough fish is not permitted in the preserves. All waters in the forest preserves are designated fish preserves. Fishermen are limited to two lines with no more than two hooks per line and no trolley lines.

Special regulations regarding bag and size limits imposed on designated waters will be posted at the waters. A valid Illinois hook and line fishing license is required except for persons who are under 16, disabled or blind, or over 65 years of age. In addition, anyone required to have a valid fishing license must have a State trout and salmon stamp when fishing for trout within the Forest Preserve District trout lakes.

Daily limits, length limits and closed seasons have been removed from all fish found in forest preserve waters, with three exceptions. These are: no more than 6 largemouth bass or smallmouth bass, regardless of size, may be taken in one day; no more than 3 northern pike may be taken in one day (and these must be 24 inches long or longer); and no more than 5 trout may be taken in one day. Use of minnow seine is not allowed except in the Des Plaines River for bait collecting.

Special Forest Preserve Regulations regarding size limits on bass will be imposed on designated waters of the District and these special rules will be so posted. These experimental regulations are to prevent the excessive removal of bass, and to improve the fishing through protection of our major predator fish. We ask the fishing public to respect and obey these regulations on lakes so posted.

Ice Fishing is permitted on designated forest preserve lakes during winter months when the ice has become 4 or more inches thick. Public announcements are made in the news media when conditions permit such fishing and which lakes are open during each year.

ILLEGAL ACTIONS

It is unlawful to release any fish (including minnows or goldfish) in any Cook County waters, except in the Waters from which they were taken, without having first secured permission from the Conservation Department of the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

It is illegal to abandon, deposit or throw any wire, can, bottle, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard boxes, wood cartons, trees, parts of trees, brush or other insoluble material (including animal or vegetable material) into the waters or on the ice of any waters of the County.

BOATING REGULATIONS

No private watercraft is allowed on Cook County Forest Preserve District waters, except as listed below under BOATING WATERS. (No private watercraft permitted on District waters overnight. No outboard or electric motors allowed on District waters except as listed.) ACCEPTABLE WATERCRAFT AS PER CURRENT FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT REGULATIONS.

BOATING WATERS (Motors Allowed)

Des Plaines River: Wheeling, Ill. to Lemond, Ill. for all watercraft. One ramp at Plank Rd. Meadow which is located N. of Ogden Ave. just E. of First Ave. in Lyons, Ill. Little Calumet River: for all watercraft. Two ramps; one north of Jackson St. E. of Ashland Ave.; the other is S. of 131st St., W. of the Calumet Expressway.

BOATING WATERS (No Motors)

Beck Lake: N. of Central Rd., E. of River Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramps available off of parking area. Big Bend Lake: S.W. corner of Golf and Bender Roads. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramp available off of parking area. Busse Lake: S. of Higgins Rd., between I-290 (Rt. 53) and Arlington Heights Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats are allowed in the South Pool and the Main Lake. Access to ramps off of Higgins Rd. just E. of I-290 (Rt. 53). Skokie Lagoons: N. of Willow Rd., S. of Lake-Cook Rd., E. of the Edens Expressway. Parking and launching ramp S. of Tower Rd., E. of the Edens. For sailboats, canoes and rowboats.

I & M Canal: Willow Springs area — enter at Willow Springs Rd. — canoes only. Powderhorn Lake: N. of Brainard Ave., E. of Burnham Ave. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Maple Lake: S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. Rowboat rental — no private rowboats. Saganashkee Slough: S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. This Slough is drained and under shoreline repair and engineering study for proposed deepening to re-establish a game-fish population. Tampier Lake: W. of Wolf Rd., S. of 131st St. Rowboat rental. Private rowboats. Launch from west parking lot only.

COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE FISHING WATERS

AXEHEAD LAKE: On the corner of Touhy Ave. and River Rd. E. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 17 acres. Depths to 31 feet. Largemouth bass, perch, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads. Trout are stocked each spring. Depth contour map is available. BECK LAKE: Two and one-half miles N.E. of Des Plaines, N. off of Central Rd., ¼ mile W. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 38 acres. Depths to 21 feet. Sailboats, canoes, rowboats permitted. Launch ramp available. Largemouth bass, bluegill, perch, channel catfish, bullheads. Depth contour map is available. BELLEAU LAKE: W. of Tri-State Tollway off Busse Hwy. Area 12 acres. Depths to 35 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, bullhead. Trout are stocked each spring. Depth contour map is available. BELLY DEEP SLOUGH: Between U.S. 45 and Kean Ave., ½ mile S. of 95th St. Parking on E. side of U.S. 45. Area 15 acres. Depths to 5 feet. Lake suffered a drastic fish kill the winter of 1976-77. Rough fish only remain. Depth contour map is available. BIG BEND LAKE: N.E. of Des Plaines at S.W. corner of Golf and Bender Rd. Area 22 acres. Depths to 25 feet. This entire lake area closed to all usage, including fishing, due to extensive construction changing lake depths and shoreline profiles. BODE LAKES: Two lakes, 3 miles N. of Hanover Park, 4 miles E. of Elgin on Bode Rd., 1 mile W. of Barrington Rd. Combined area 20 acres. Depths to 24 feet in South Lake. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, northern pike, sunfishes, carp, bullhead. Depth contour map is available. BULLFROG LAKE: Two miles S.W. of Willow Springs, ½ mile S. of 95th St. off of Wolf Rd. Area 16 acres. Depths to 11 feet. This lake suffered winter kill in 1978-79, lake renovated in fall of 1979. BUSSE LAKE: S. of Higgins Rd. between Interstate 290 and Arlington Heights Rd. Total area of 589 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Three separate bodies of water: N. lateral pool (24 acres); S. lateral pool (146 acres); main lake (419 acres). S. lateral pool (146 acres); main lake (419 acres). Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted on main lake S. of Higgins Rd. and on S. lateral pool. Fishes to be stocked are: largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, sunfishes. CERMAK QUARRY: Near Cermak swimming pool on Ogden Ave. ½ mile W. of Harlem Ave. in the village of Lyons. Area 2 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, bullhead, channel catfish. DEER GROVE LAKE: In Deer Grove Forest Preserve, N. of Dundee Rd., W. of Quentins Rd., N.W. of Palatine. Area 5 acres. Depths to 5 feet. Bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead. DES PLAINES RIVER: This largest natural stream in Cook County winds 50 miles between Wheeling and Lemont with 30 miles bordered by Forest Preserves. Cleaner waters, best fishing are between Wheeling and Rosemont. Has northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, crappie, channel catfish, yellow bass, carp, goldfish, suckers. Open to all boating (with one ramp in Lyons, N. of Ogden Ave., E. of First Ave.; another launching site in Willow Springs, W. of Willow Springs Rd. on N. bank of river). Public transportation to river. FLATFOOT LAKE: Two miles N.E. of Dolton on W. side of Calumet Expressway (with entrance from expressway going S.). Area 15 acres. Depths to 17 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp, goldfish, perch. Depth contour map is available. HORSETAIL LAKE: On E. side of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), N. of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.). Area 11 acres. Depths to 26 feet. Deepened and shoreline repaired in 1973-75. Restocked in 1976 with largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Depth contour map is available. IDA LAKE: One-half mile S. of Highway 66 and 1 mile N. of Interstate 55 on W. side of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 10

acres. Depths to 16 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp. JOE'S POND: On W. side of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.). 1 mile S. of 95th St. Area 8 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Suffered a complete kill of major game fishes in 1976-77 winter. Bluegill, bullhead and carp available. MAPLE LAKE: Located on the S. side of 95th St., ½ mile W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.). Four parking areas around the lake. Rowboat rental for fishing and pleasure at the W. parking lot off of Wolf Rd. from April through October. Area 55 acres. Depths to 22 feet. Can be reached by the Valley Transit Bus Line to Rt. 171 to 95th St. Fish population renovated and shoreline repaired in 1975. Fish population restocked in 1976. The lake was opened to fishing in 1978. Fishes stocked are largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. Depth contour map is available. MCGINNIS SLOUGH: Off of U.S. 45 (Mannheim Rd.) approximately ½ mile N. of Orland Park. Area 303 acres. Depths to 4 feet. Only E. end is open to fishing; remainder is a waterfowl refuge. Bullhead, goldfish, sunfishes, bluegill. MIDLOTHIAN RESERVOIR: On W. side of Cicero Avenue at 167th St. in Oak Forest. Area 25 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Connected with Midlothian Creek with resultant water level fluctuations. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, bullhead, carp, suckers. PAPOOSE LAKE: On S. side of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.), ¼ mile W. of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 18 acres. Depths to 10 feet. All fishes killed again in the winter of 1978-79. Lake renovated and restocked in spring 1979. Depth map available. POTAWATOMI LAKE: One-half mile E. of Wheeling, N. side of Dundee Rd., E. of the Des Plaines River. Area 4.5 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads. POWERDERHORN LAKE: Two miles N. of Calumet City, ½ mile E. of Burnham Ave. on N. side of Brainard Ave. Area 35 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Marsh to N. a Wildlife Refuge — no fishing allowed. Private rowboats, sailboats, canoes allowed. Northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, yellow perch, bullhead, sunfishes, channel catfish, carp. Depth contour map is available. SAG QUARRY EAST: Near village of Sag Bridge off of Rt. 83, ½ mile S. of Calumet-Sag Canal bridge on old Archer Ave. Parking along road. Area of 10 acres. Depths to 18 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, carp, crappie. Trout stocked each spring. Use Valley Transit Bus Rt. 171 to Sag Bridge. Depth contour map is available. SAG QUARRY WEST: Same location as Sag Quarry East except on W. side of Old Archer Ave. Area of 15 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Quarry suffered a serious winter kill in 1976-77. Area closed to all fishing for re-establishment of new fishery. Depth contour map available. SAGANASHKEE SLOUGH: Along 107th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), parking on E. and W. ends of slough; area 325 acres. This area was completely drained to rebuild the east dam and parking lot area, additional shoreline repair to be completed. Lake opened in 1983. SCHILLER POND: W. of Cumberland Ave. N. of Irving Park Rd. Area 6 acres. Depths to 8 feet. This pond suffered some winter kill in 1976-77. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp. SKOKIE LAGOONS: E. of Edens Expressway, W. of Winnetka, between Willow and Dundee Rds. Seven interconnected lagoons with a total area of 190 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Private rowboats, sailboats and canoes are allowed. Launching ramp S. of Tower Rd., E. of Edens Expressway. TAMPIER LAKE: Between Wolf and Will-Cook Rds., S. of 131st St. Area 160 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp. Boat rental at W. end of the lake off of Will-Cook Rd. Depth contour map is available. TUMA LAKE: E. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), 1 mile S. of 95th St., no parking except along road at Joe's Pond. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead. TURTLE HEAD LAKE: One and one-quarter mile S. of Palos Heights on the W. side of Harlem Ave. Area 12 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, sunfishes, bullhead. Depth contour map is available. WAMPUM LAKE: One mile E. of Thornton, N. off of Thornton-Lansing Rd. Area 35 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, smallmouth bass, sunfishes, channel catfish, bullheads. Depth contour map is available.

SPORT FISHING AWARDS Rules

1. Fish must be legally caught by pole and line from Illinois waters. Fish caught by trotline, jugs, bank poles, nets, seines, and snagging are ineligible.
2. Fish caught from fee fishing areas are not eligible.
3. The fish must be weighed in the presence of two witnesses (not relatives) and should be weighed to the nearest ounce on scales legal for trade. (Grocer scales, butcher scales.)
4. The total length of the fish must be measured to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. The total length is from the snout, mouth closed, to the end of the tail.
5. Persons who think they have a **state record fish** must have it positively identified by a Department of Conservation Fishery Biologist.

A clear black and white, lateral view photograph of the fish must accompany the entry. The Department of Conservation may have permission to publish the photograph.

The Illinois Department of Conservation reserves the right to investigate and

check the identification, the methods used in catching and the accuracy of measurement and weight before accepting the entry. The Illinois Department of Conservation also reserves the right to reject any entry.

8. All entries must be submitted within 90 days of being caught.

Awards

A Big Fish Shoulder Patch and Certificate (suitable for framing) will be awarded to those anglers who catch any of the fish listed at right, that equal or exceed the minimum weight specified.

A Shoulder Patch and Engraved Wall Plaque will be awarded to the angler who catches a fish of the species listed bigger than the current state record.

For further information and entry forms contact:
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources
Lincoln Tower Plaza
524 S. Second St.
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIES TO BE ENTERED

Minimum Weight	Pounds	Ounces	Minimum Weight	Pounds	Ounces
Species			Species		
Largemouth Bass	7	0	Blue Catfish	30	0
Smallmouth Bass	3	8	Flathead Catfish	30	0
Spotted Bass	3	8	Black Bullhead	2	4
White Bass	2	12	Yellow Bullhead	2	4
Yellow Bass	1	0	Brown Bullhead	2	4
Striped Bass	15	0	Coho Salmon	15	0
Hybrid Striped Bass	8	0	Chinook Salmon	33	0
Northern Pike	15	0	Kokanee Salmon	1	0
Muskie	15	0	Pink Salmon	2	0
Tiger Muskie	15	0	Atlantic Salmon	5	0
Walleye	6	0	Lake Trout	15	0
Sauger	3	0	Brown Trout	15	0
Yellow Perch	1	4	Rainbow Trout	15	0
Bluegill	1	8	Brook Trout	2	0
Redear	1	8	Tiger Trout	3	0
Green Sunfish	1	8	Splake	2	0
Rock Bass	1	0	Carp	20	0
Warmouth	1	0	Freshwater Drum	10	0
Other Sunfish	1	0	Bowfin	8	0
Hybrid Sunfish	1	8	Paddlefish	20	0
White Crappie	3	0	Smallmouth Buffalo	20	0
Black Crappie	3	0	Bigmouth Buffalo	20	0
Channel Catfish	17	0	Shovelnose Sturgeon	2	0